Frontier Railway, who are drugging passengers for robbing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to protect the passengers from such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 23.7.1991 a raid was conducted by GRP/Guwahati with the assistance of RPF on train No. 2558 Dn. Kanchan Janga Express and a woman, who had drugged two passengers in a coach through sweets, was arrested and on her disclosure, her 8 other associates were arrested.

A criminal case has been registered by GRP/Guwahati.

(c) The maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railways is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, Railways maintain co-ordination with state Government authorities in this connection.

Linking of Godavari and Krishna Rivers

219. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link Godavari and Krishna rivers, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government pending with Central Government for clearance in this regard; and

(c) if so, at what stage of consideration is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government has prepared a National Perspective for the development of water resources in the country. For the integrated development of Peninsular Rivers, the National Water Development Agency is carrying out water balance studies for the 17 water transfer links. Of these 17 links, the following 3 links involve interlinking of Godavari river with Krishna river:—

(i) Godavari (Polavaram) — Krishna (Vijayawada) link.

(ii) Godavari (Inchampalli)—Krishna (Pulachintala) link.

(iii) Godavari (Inchampalli) — Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link. National Water Development Agency has studied and prepared preliminary feasibility reports for the first two links.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded a proposal for the construction of Polavaram Project which, inter *alia*, envisaged transfer of water from Godavari to Krishna. Besides, requirement of environment and forest clearances, a number of deficiencies were found in the proposal by the Central Water Commission. Therefore the project was returned to the State Government in 1987.

In July, 1990 the State Government had forwarded updated cost estimate of the project to the Central Water Commission without complying with the deficiencies and observations made in December, 1987. The State Government was requested in July, 1990 itself to furnish a modified project report after compliance of the observations.

Easing of traffic onGrand Trunk Line

220. DR. YALAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to divert either Konark or Godavari Express trains via Nadikude, Guntur in order to ease the traffic on Grand Trunk Line as well as to reduce the distance between Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam and also to facilitate the passengers of Guntur, Nalgonda etc.; and